

III. Remarks

A. Preliminary

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview on November 5th. Applicant believes that with the amendment to cancel certain claims, and to include the limitations from the allowable claim into certain claims, the pending claims will now be in condition for allowance.

B. Claim Amendment to Place Remaining Claims in Condition for Allowance

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claim 33 is allowable if rewritten. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of that subject matter.

Applicant has canceled independent Claims 47 and 54, as well as their respective dependent claims, without waiver or disclaimer. These claims have a different focus from the other independent claims and are not readily amenable to rewriting in accordance with Claim 33.

Applicant has rewritten independent Claim 14 to include the features from Claim 33 which the Examiner indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Claim 33 and intervening dependent Claim 32 are canceled. Accordingly, Claim 14 and its dependent claims, Claims 15, 29-31, and 34-36 should now be allowable.

Applicant has rewritten Claim 37 in similar fashion. Accordingly, the dependent claims that parallel now-canceled dependent Claims 32-33, which are Claims 42-43, are cancelled as well. Claim 37 and its dependent claims, Claims 38-41 and 44-46 should now be allowable.


Applicant respectfully requests a prompt notice of allowance for remaining Claims 14-15, 29-31, 34-41, and 44-46.

IV. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice of allowance for the pending claims. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly requested and encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

This response to the Office Action is being filed before the expiration of three (3) months from the date of the Office Action. Therefore, it is believed that no extension fees are required. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, Applicant hereby provides authorization to charge such fees against deposit account 50-0206. If any refunds are due, Applicant hereby provides authorization to credit such refunds against the deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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